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1. According to Nasiri, "more than 400 Moors, professionally trained ex-officers in the regular Spanish Army", are adherents of the Wahda party and are being trained to participate in any armed revolt staged by the Nationalists. Reportedly these officers were formerly lieutenants and captains in the Spanish Army regularly stationed in Africa and were retired from the service by order of the Spanish military authorities.
2. Nasiri stated that these officers have been instructed to urge enlisted members of the Spanish Army to procure for the Nationalists ammunition and small arms. In addition each party member has been instructed to purchase ammunition on the black market.
3. Nasiri plans to devote the next four months to active propaganda work among the Rif peoples. The party is using the recent announcement of Abdelkrim's transfer from Reunion Island to the South of France to advantage in its propaganda, and, according to source, many of the Moors and Rifians in the Spanish Zone believe that Abdelkrim will return to Morocco to head the Moors in a war against Spain.
4. Nasiri stated that he plans to confine any Nationalist revolt to the mountainous regions of the Spanish Zone and that the Wahda members would be ready to carry out their plans in early July after the wheat harvest but preferred to wait until after the corn harvest in August.

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5. In spite of his plans for a revolt, Masiri stated that he is willing to accept a UN trusteeship with, if possible, a United States' mandate. He has not as yet made these sentiments public, he stated, because his party is composed principally of militants to whom such statements might appear as a compromise. He realizes that a revolt could not succeed in a military sense but believes that the political impact would be such as to cause the Moroccan question to come before the UN.
- B-3 6. According to source, the Spanish authorities are aware of the Nationalist activities and are attempting to effect a rapprochement with the Nationalist groups. Recently Torres, leader of the Islah Nationalist Party, was granted an exit visa from the Spanish Zone. He plans to visit Cairo and to appear before the Arab League. He may also go to New York and contact the UN.
7. Masiri stated that the Spanish authorities have also given permission to re-publish the Wahda newspaper in the Spanish Zone. At the time permission was given Masiri to re-publish his paper he demanded that Torres be allowed to continue publication of Horria and/or Rif. Shortly after the conversation took place, Rif resumed publication.

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